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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] called today to report that he had not been able to get together with [REDACTED] prior to the latter's departure for the Ranch yesterday. [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] today to tell him that [REDACTED] had asked [REDACTED] to call [REDACTED] and say that he, [REDACTED] had tried to get [REDACTED] on the phone but was told that [REDACTED] was "busy." This [REDACTED] denies.
2. The purpose of [REDACTED] call was not to tattle on anyone, but to advise you that he had made a sincere effort, to which I can attest, to get together with [REDACTED] while he was here, in order to discuss matters regarding the relationship between CIA Medical Staff and the Project medical program, as well as the matter of contractor selection criteria with which we are all concerned.
3. The fact that [REDACTED] did not meet was reported by [REDACTED] today to Dr. Tietjen, who has now asked for "a clarification of [REDACTED] responsibilities and areas of concern once he (sic) returns to Washington." Dr. Tietjen would like to know your concept of what [REDACTED] will be doing, with whom and for what groups.
4. Apparently Dr. Tietjen is sincerely bothered by the rather nebulous relationship presently existing between the CIA Medical Staff and the Project. This was to have been clarified by the [REDACTED] Tietjen meeting this week, as apparently you indicated to Dr. Tietjen at the time you briefed him not long ago.
5. My own suggestion is that if you have a moment before departure that you at least call Dr. Tietjen and so recognize his concern, indicating that you will discuss this matter with him on your return from [REDACTED]. I do not think it wise to alienate CIA's Medical Staff, and I am sure you agree.

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